

Home Visits

Altura Elementary School

Aurora, CO



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Home visits by Altura Elementary School staff in Aurora supports students and families by helping families become more informed. By making home visits a consistent practice, school staff can work more closely with families to identify the source of problems related to attendance and truancy, rather than having to guess.

One day a week, the Family Liaison at Altura Elementary meets with the Attendance Response Team (ART) to discuss which students are struggling and would benefit from home visits. Student and parent responses to the home visits have been widely positive. Parents have become more comfortable asking for needed resources that they would not otherwise have asked for, in addition to resources to support student achievement such as books, supplies, workshops, and information around getting their students to school on time as well as on making home life easier to manage.

As a result of the consistency of the Home Visits program, Altura Elementary has seen several students previously listed as truant, begin to make changes to turn around their attendance. There has also been an increase in trust between the parent and school, with parents regarding the school as a community partner.